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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - MARCH QUARTER, 1964

This bulletin, the second of a series issued quarterly, contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1964.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1946, Table 2 the details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia, and Table 3 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years.

Detailed statistics of industrial disputes to March quarter, 1963 were published in issues of the "Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics". Similar figures for the June and September quarters, 1963 are available on request, and those for December quarter, 1963 were published in the previous issue of this bulletin (S.B. 422) of 20th April, 1964.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (£'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per Worker Involved	
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	5.59	2,290
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	4.09	1,898
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	5.24	2,299
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	5.04	2,612
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4.78	4,166
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2.14	2,256
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	3,440
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	3,337
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	3,021
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	3,310
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	3,967
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	2,309
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	1,591
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	1,377
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	2,927
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	2,724
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	2,122
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	2,496
1963-March Qtr.	280	77,654	2,868	80,522	102,598	1.27	434
June "	276	88,479	3,169	91,648	117,131	1.28	505
Sept. "	379	94,802	6,597	101,399	165,451	1.63	743
Dec. "	315	137,632	1,507	139,139	196,388	1.41	814
1964-March "	313	127,364	3,257	130,621	154,319	1.18	648

- (a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.
(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1964

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	41	..	7	..	..	..	48
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	65	14	5	9	..	1	94
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	6	4	15	1	..	..	26
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Paper, Printing, etc.	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other Manufacturing	10	10	..	2	..	..	22
Building and Construction	16	5	2	..	1	..	24
Railway and Tramway Services	2	3	2	..	..	..	7
Road and Air Transport	6	..	..	1	..	..	7
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	44	7	18	4	..	1	74
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Industries (c)	1	3	1	..	..	..	5
Total	195	46	51	18	1	2	313

WORKERS INVOLVED (d)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	5,212	..	371	..	..	..	5,583
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	1,500	..	..	..	1,500
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	19,616	9,123	2,604	4,069	..	19	35,431
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	182	..	..	..	..	..	182
Food, Drink and Tobacco	3,106	1,752	5,583	103	..	..	10,544
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	258	..	..	258
Paper, Printing, etc.	449	..	..	..	..	..	449
Other Manufacturing	3,381	2,348	..	476	..	..	6,205
Building and Construction	2,622	2,450	223	..	45	..	5,340
Railway and Tramway Services	111	19,318	159	..	..	..	19,588
Road and Air Transport	6,087	..	..	12	..	..	6,099
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	22,361	3,644	5,618	1,833	..	43	33,499
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Industries (c)	120	4,073	1,750	5,943
Total	63,247	42,708	17,808	6,751	45	62	130,621

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TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1964 (continued)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	3,212	..	557	..	..	..	3,769
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	1,500	..	..	..	1,500
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	17,113	8,730	2,565	2,555	..	32	30,995
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	910	..	..	..	..	..	910
Food, Drink and Tobacco	12,808	1,555	19,927	24	..	..	34,314
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	60	..	..	60
Paper, Printing, etc.	435	..	..	..	..	..	435
Other Manufacturing	6,368	8,047	..	894	..	..	15,309
Building and Construction	9,153	5,574	472	..	73	..	15,272
Railway and Tramway Services	190	19,036	168	..	..	..	19,394
Road and Air Transport	9,990	..	..	60	..	..	10,050
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	12,063	3,281	3,022	400	..	11	18,777
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Industries (c)	180	1,914	1,440	..	..	..	3,534
Total	72,422	48,137	29,651	3,993	73	43	154,319

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (£'000)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	13.7	..	2.8	..	..	..	16.5
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	7.0	..	..	..	7.0
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	73.3	35.3	9.9	10.3	..	0.2	129.0
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	3.5	..	..	..	..	..	3.5
Food, Drink and Tobacco	44.0	5.5	78.0	0.1	..	..	127.6
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	0.2	..	..	0.2
Paper, Printing, etc.	2.6	..	..	..	..	..	2.6
Other Manufacturing	24.8	33.6	..	4.3	..	..	62.7
Building and Construction	44.7	23.6	3.4	..	0.4	..	72.1
Railway and Tramway Services	0.5	73.6	0.7	..	..	..	74.8
Road and Air Transport	47.2	..	..	0.3	..	..	47.5
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	58.6	15.8	14.7	1.9	..	(e)	91.0
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Industries (c)	0.7	7.6	5.4	..	..	..	13.7
Total	313.6	195.0	121.9	17.1	0.4	0.2	648.2

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.

(d) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(e) Less than £50.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1959	547	60	175	21	20	34	869
1960	736	98	173	42	43	40	1,145
1961	529	91	123	26	22	14	815
1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,183
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1963-March Qtr.	184	35	41	13	4	2	280
June "	170	42	41	7	6	3	276
Sept. "	263	47	45	7	5	4	379
Dec. "	200	56	33	8	13	2	315
1964-March "	195	46	51	18	1	2	313
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)							
1959	126,051	32,241	54,879	5,437	11,247	6,348	237,471
1960	296,912	86,004	158,639	25,747	25,684	9,142	603,279
1961	136,956	52,747	78,240	17,333	9,687	4,661	300,357
1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1963-March Qtr.	48,884	13,316	9,387	4,939	2,380	1,582	80,522
June "	48,399	17,508	15,527	3,508	3,741	2,264	91,648
Sept. "	51,343	29,513	13,983	2,452	2,746	597	101,399
Dec. "	70,350	27,641	5,416	1,146	33,717	576	139,139
1964-March "	63,247	42,708	17,808	6,751	45	62	130,621
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1959	211,352	35,890	90,777	7,487	11,243	6,593	365,039
1960	416,762	102,805	153,061	16,568	27,342	6,991	725,107
1961	318,629	72,471	168,958	17,256	23,233	4,622	606,811
1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1963-March Qtr.	72,578	14,114	9,185	2,715	2,676	1,270	102,598
June "	58,451	34,142	16,766	2,875	2,821	1,076	117,131
Sept. "	81,002	57,733	20,680	1,709	2,945	267	165,451
Dec. "	95,409	66,974	8,230	1,658	23,527	320	196,388
1964-March "	72,422	48,137	29,651	3,993	73	43	154,319

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NOTE: Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 41971 Extension 7 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.